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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/22/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-10,12-16,20-26 and 32-35.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 09 December 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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RESPONSE TO AMENDMENT

1) In respond to applicant's amendment filed 01/22/2004, claims 1, 3, 12, 20, 32 have been amended, and claims 2, 11, 17-19, 27-31, 36, 39 have been canceled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below, to the amended claims 37, 38 should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no latter than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Craig J. Lervick (Attorney for Applicant, Reg. No. 35,244) on 01/12/2005.

Claim 37: to be canceled.

Claim 38: to be canceled.

REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance - Applicant's response filed on September 12, 2003 has been considered, with respect to claims 1, 12, 20, and 32 the references of the record fail to teach or suggest:

A laser noise control system operating in conjunction with a laser driver, wherein the laser driver produces a laser drive signal that is provided to a laser so as to produce an optical

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signal, the laser noise control system comprising: a beam splitter positioned to receive the optical signal and output a first portion and a second portion thereof; an optical sensor positioned to receive the first portion of the optical signal, the optical sensor thus capable of producing a sensor output signal indicative of the optical signal; a noise reduction feedback network operatively connected to the optical sensor and to the laser, the noise reduction feedback network configured to include a filter circuit which receives the sensor output signal and produces a filtered noise reduction signal which is combined with the laser driver signal and provided to the laser; a LF control loop operatively attached between the optical sensor and the laser driver to provide CW control of the laser; and a control switch to selectively operate the noise reduction feedback network.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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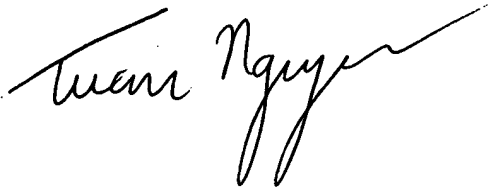
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan N Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1948. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harvey Minsun can be reached on (703) 308-16741. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Tuan N. Nguyen

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PRIMARY EXAMINER